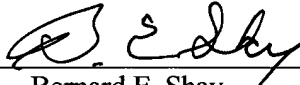


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 9 and 14-16 have been cancelled; claims 1, 3, 6, and 10 have been amended; and new claims 17-20 have been added. Claims 1-13 and 17-20 remain in this application.

It is applicant's understanding that the claims, as amended, overcome all of the objections/rejections raised by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case, and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview is deemed necessary, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (408) 956-4066.

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